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In re application of:

WATANABE

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For: CATALYST FOR OXIDIZING REFORMED GAS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 11, 2002

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendment to the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2 as set forth below.

2. (Amended) A catalyst for oxidizing a reformed gas according to claim 1, wherein the alloy metal of the platinum alloy is selected from the group consisting of ruthenium, iron, rhodium, cobalt, molybdenum, nickel and manganese.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending. In the Amendment filed on October 10, 2001, counsel inadvertently presented the unamended version of claims 1 and 2 as amended. Actually, counsel intended to amend only claim 2 (to correct the improper Markush group in claim 2 as filed and the inconsistency related to "alloy element" in claim 2). In this Response, the amendment to claim 2 originally intended is presented in a clean version and a marked-up